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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Spokane County 32nd and Barker Road Widening project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Spokane County and the project is located at 1116 W Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260.

The funding is designated for the widening and reconstruction of 32nd Ave and Barker Road from SR 27 to Interstate 90 into a 3 and 5 lane Urban Arterial with sections of 2 lane rural arterial that totals approximately 5 miles of newly constructed or reconstructed road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the region as extensive residential and industrial growth in Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Spokane County has overwhelmed this undersized, rural 2- lane road. Without improvements, drivers travelling south through the intersection of Sprague Avenue will experience delays upwards of 5 minutes long. To add to the demand, the City of Spokane Valley's 840-acre Northeast Industrial Area serving freight, commercial, and industrial businesses, has gone from 33% occupied in 2016 to nearly 80% occupied in 2021.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress